



CCNSW Webinar

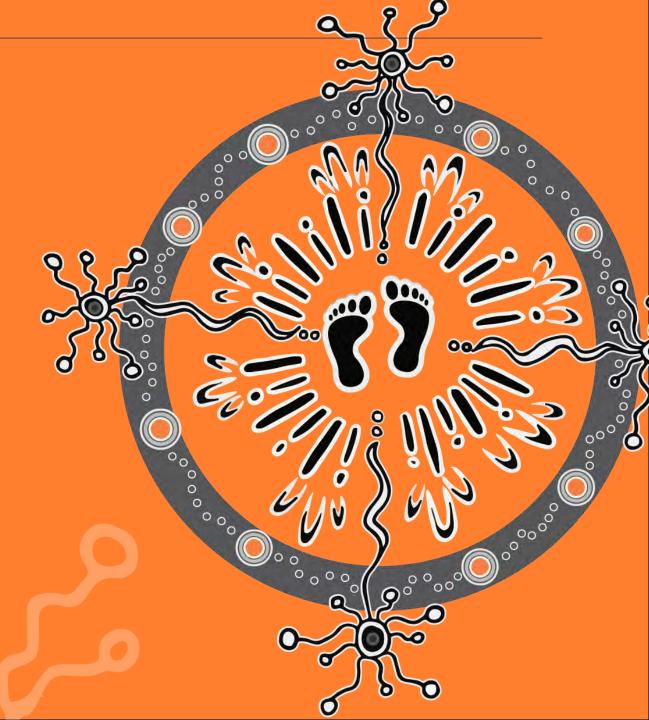
Pricing transparency

12 June 2024

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that today we meet on many Aboriginal lands.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and we show our respect for elders past, present and emerging through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work.







Agenda

- 1. Updates since last weeks webinar
- 2. Pricing transparency
- 3. Opportunity for further questions on interment rights
- 4. Next steps







1. Updates since the last webinar

Reminder of recent announcements



Commencement of levy confirmed

- Levy to commence on 1 July 2024 for those who provided more that 50 interment services in 2022/23
- Levy to commence on 1 July 2025 for those who provided less than 50 interment services in 2022/23
- Hardship policy to be developed prior to July 2025

Sent out

- Letters to operators confirming levy start date and payment frequency
- Slides from last week/ recording of last week's webinar posted yesterday in meeting chat

Coming this week: Levy pamphlet, ATO advice regarding levy

Pamphlet first in English, then in other languages

Coming soon:

- Industry Roadshow report with FAQS on Interment Industry Scheme checklists
- Checklist for operators to educate funeral directors
- Updated Guide to using the model contract, for operators and for funeral director education
- New contract versions for Renewable Interment and Cremation Only
- Plain English explanation of the Regulation amendments (levy)

Delayed commencement of remaining 3 licence conditions to 1 October 2024

- To give operators more time to understand and comply with these conditions, the date has been extended for Consumer Contracts, Pricing Transparency and Maintenance.
- We encourage operators to maintain their momentum and introduce new requirements as soon as possible.
- Other minor amendments to licence conditions will be made, to clarify certain requirements there will not be any significant changes to requirements.
- Updated licence conditions will be sent to licenced operators shortly and published on the website.

How the GST applies to the interment services levy



Situation	Does GST apply?
When CCNSW charges cemetery and crematoria operators the levy, and operators pay that levy to CCNSW (annually or quarterly).	GST does not apply.
If operators increase their prices in response to the levy (ie pass it on to customers).	GST does apply.
If a funeral director acts as authorised agent for an operator who has increased their prices.	When a funeral director acts as agent and collects payment from the customer, they are doing this as part of the operator contract. They will collect the GST included in the operator's prices (see above) and send that total amount on to the operator. In this case funeral directors are not independently liable for GST.

Key themes from questions asked last week



Theme discussed	CCNSW response
More questions about interment rights, and when they need to be transferred.	Specific questions will be answered in FAQs from 29 May and 5 June webinars. More detail on this topic will be in the CCNSW fact sheet on the transfer of interment rights, which is currently being updated.
How does the price breakdown requirement align with council's published fees and charges?	The price breakdowns require a more detailed level of breakdown than the actual fees and charges (charged to the customer) published by councils. For example, the interment right may be \$1000 and that is what a customer would pay. The price breakdown breaks this \$1000 into four elements (Administration, Land Value, Site Development and Maintenance) and an operator can choose how they break down the \$1000 against these elements. This is a theoretical breakdown and does not impact what the customer is paying. Note: If land value or site development etc is unknown, or you do not want to quantify it, this can be marked as n/a.
Can councils break down their fees and charges further than the published amounts, as required by CCNSW?	We have checked with the Office of Local Government and they advise there is no regulatory/legislative impediment (that they are aware of) to breaking down the published fees and charges in the way required by CCNSW under the pricing transparency licence conditions. If there is a specific section or regulation that you believe does prohibit this breakdown, please let us know and we can go back to the Office of Local Government to check again.





2. Pricing transparency

What is pricing transparency and why it is important?





Pricing transparency

VS



Price regulation / price setting

Current approach of licence conditions

- Clear pricing
- Consistent terminology
- Consistent breakdown and format
- Allows customers to understand and more easily compare prices

Fixing a regulated price

- Recommended by IPART review
- May be considered in the future if transparency does not drive affordability

Overview of the pricing conditions



Condition	Applies to?	What do I need to do?	How often?	Practical implication
C1	Category 1 and 2	Prepare a breakdown of your basic products –your least expensive - Basic Adult Burial, Basic Ash Interment and/or Basic Cremation Make these available on your website and/or in your office	Ongoing	Supports customer understanding of the key price components, consistent and comparable terminology.
C2	Category 1 and 2	Publish prices for all available interment services on your website (or in your office if you don't have a website)	Ongoing	Full transparency about the range of products and prices available.
C3	Category 1 and 2	Show customers the relevant basic product before entering into a contract (Aligns with A.1 requirement to do this)	Ongoing	Makes sure customers understand what they are buying and why it may cost more

Reminder of the contract process (at-need example)



Customer Interactions Initial Conversations

Application to the operator

Signing of the contract

Interment

Operator Actions

Discussion of customer needs

- Type of interment site (memorial, lawn etc)
- Specific site selection

Customer completes the application for interment right with the operator

Operator prepares contract, takes customer through it, both parties sign

Interment and any other services can be arranged

Funeral director needs to provide relevant information regarding size and shape of coffin to operator.

At time of burial, operator issues **Order for Interment**

New Regulatory Elements -Pricing

Shows the customer the relevant Basic Interment price

Break down price in contract in line with the price breakdown format (if Category 1)

Understanding the price breakdown formats (C.1)



Basic Adult Burial

Basic Ash Interment

Basic Cremation

KEY ELEMENTS

Mandatory:

- Right to inter bodily remains
- Burial or placement of bodily remains

If applicable:

- Memorial
- Religious, cultural or spiritual requirement
- Additional fees or services
- Discounts

Mandatory:

- Right to inter ashes
- Placement of ashes

If applicable:

- Cremation
- Memorial
- Religious, cultural or spiritual requirement
- Additional fees or services
- Discounts

Mandatory:

- Collection and storage
- Administration
- Cremation

If applicable:

- Religious, cultural or spiritual requirement
- Additional fees or services
- Discounts

Basic Adult Burial

Approved price breakdown format

Subsection 1–Right to inter

Price Breakdown Element	Description of this Element	Operator Specific Information (if relevant)	Price (GST applicable element, includes GST)	Price (GST not applicable, excludes GST)
Right to inter (bury	y) bodily remains in a particula	ar location in a cemetery		
Administration – Interment right	Preparation of key documentation and associated activities to issue an interment right (the right to be buried in a particular location) including:			
	- Consumer Contract - Interment Right Certificate			
Land value	Relevant proportion of <u>the</u> <u>cost</u> of purchasing land for the cemetery			
Site development	Relevant proportion of the cost of developing land for the cemetery, or the specific area of the cemetery (Applies to new cemetery development only).			
Maintenance	Share of cost of activities required to maintain the site and the cemetery. Operator to specify whether perpetual maintenance (future) is included.			
Sub-Total				





Basic Adult Burial

Approved price breakdown format

Subsection 2- Burial or placement

Burial or placeme	nt of bodily remains in grave o	r built structure	
Burial, or Placement	Burial of bodily remains in the ground, including excavation (digging a grave to the appropriate size and depth) and landscaping the site after burial, or		
	Placement of bodily remains elsewhere than in the ground (e.g. crypt, mausoleum).		
Administration - Burial	Administrative costs associated with the burial for example issuing the Order for Interment (required to confirm all details correct before burial occurs)		
Sub-Total			



Things to include if applicable

This means if your basic product INCLUDES these things

In most cases these would be n/a.

aque, onument, eadstone, arden or <u>other</u> em installed	Engraving and/or placement of a memorial	
a site to mmemorate identify ligious, Cultura	l or Spiritual (if applicable)	
eligious, ultural or piritual quirements	Details of religious, <u>cultural</u> or spiritual requirements included and an explanation of the components of the price. For <u>example</u> interment within 24 hours requiring staff overtime, backfill by hand requiring additional <u>labour</u> .	



Additional fees or discounts if applicable

Interment services levy is an example of an additional fee

Fees which won't apply in all cases should be mentioned (in Operator Specific Information) but not included as a dollar amount.

Additional fees, se	rvices or products (if applical	ole)		
Items or components that are not included in the above sections e.g. flowers, chapel <u>hire</u> ,	Each component should be clearly itemised, and details provided. Includes any additional fees for example if an 'Out of Area' fee is applied by council operators to customers residing outside of the council area.			
Discounts (if applic	cable)			
Discounts	For <u>example</u> if a discount is offered to local ratepayers by council operators.			
			GST applicable subtotal	GST not applicable subtotal
Total price for Bas	ic Adult Burial (including GST	where it is applicable)		
Total price for Bas	ic Adult Burial (including GST	where it is applicable)		

Basic Ash Interment

Approved price breakdown format

The same as Basic Adult Burial but referring to cremated remains rather than bodily remains.

Price Breakdown Element	Description of this Element	Operator Specific Information (if relevant)	Price (GST applicable element, includes GST)	Price (GST not applicable, excludes GST)
Right to inter (place	ce) ashes in a particular	location in a cemetery		
Administration – Interment right	Preparation of key documentation and associated activities to issue an interment right (the right to place (inter) ashes in a particular location) including: - Consumer Contract - Interment Right Certificate			
Land value	Relevant proportion of the cost of purchasing land for the cemetery			
Site development	Relevant proportion of the cost of developing land for the cemetery, or the specific area of the cemetery (Applies to new cemetery development only).			
Maintenance	Share of cost of activities required to maintain the site and the cemetery. Operator to specify whether perpetual maintenance (future) is included.			
Sub-Total				



Basic Cremation

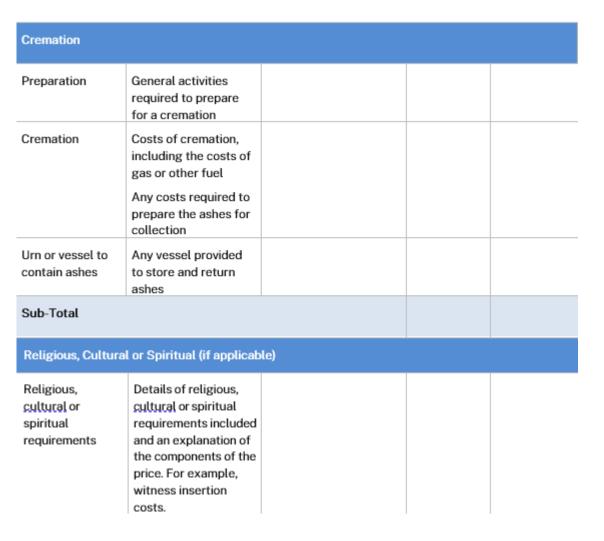
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Price Breakdown Element	Description of this Element	Operator Specific Information (if relevant)	Price (GST applicable element, includes GST)	Price (GST not applicable, excludes GST)
Collection and sto	rage			
Collection and transportation	Collection and transportation of the deceased to the crematorium, if provided by the operator.			
Storage	Storage of the deceased in mortuary or holding room			
Sub-Total				
Administration				
Administrative costs of the cremation	Administrative processes required before a cremation such as validation of the death certificate and other legal requirements.			

Basic Cremation

Approved price breakdown format





Basic Cremation

Approved price breakdown format



Additional fees, se	ervices or products (if ap	oplicable)		
Items or components that are not included in the above sections e.g. flowers, chapel hire, catering	Each component should be clearly itemised, and details provided. Includes any additional fees for example if an 'Out of Area' fee is applied by council operators to customers residing outside of the council area.			
Discounts (if applie	cable)			
Discounts	For <u>example</u> if a discount is offered to local ratepayers by council operators.			
			GST applicable subtotal	GST not applicable subtotal
Total price for Basic Cremation (including GST where it is applicable)				

Intersection with Funeral Information Standard

Disbursements

Note: these are 3rd party charges. Below are our reasonable estimates, which are subject to change. There may also be other disbursements that are not captured below.

disbursements that are not captu	ired below.	
Death certificate	App	roximately \$X
Cremation certificate	Approximately \$X (at local cemetery in XYZ Town 2XXX)	N/A
Fees charged by a cemetery	N/A	Local cemetery \$X
Crematorium fees	\$X	N/A
Viewing of body outside of business hours	.\$	X per hour
Newspaper notice	900	\$X
Family limousine	100	\$X
Flowers	100	\$X
Funeral Package	es	
LEAST EXPENSIVE PACKAGE	90.	\$X
Cremation - no funeral service - no attendance This package includes the use of a cremation capsule and does not include a funeral service. Package covers transport from the location of death (within 30km) and care and preparation of the body prior to cremation.		
Standard funeral package – cremation This package includes cremation at our crematorium in a composite board coffin. Package covers transport from the location of death (within 30km), care and preparation of the body prior to cremation and a 1 hour funeral service.	7	
Standard funeral package - burial This package includes burial at a local cemetery in an A1 timber veneer coffin and a 1 hour funeral service. Package covers transport from the location of death (within 30km) and care and preparation of the body prior to burial.	\$X	
Deluxe funeral package - burial This package includes burial at a local cemetery in an A2 mahogany coffin and a 1.5 hour funeral service. Package covers transport from the location of death in a luxury car (within 30km) and care and preparation of the body prior to		\$X

Application of GST to your prices



- The price breakdown templates allow you to display each element of your price as either including or excluding GST.
- This recognises that GST may apply to certain aspects and not others.
- Operators are responsible for seeking their own advice on the application of GST to their products and services.

Status of ATO Determination

CCNSW is liaising with the ATO about the draft determination in relation to interment rights (GSTD 2021/D2, published on 26 May 2024).

The draft ruling stated that a burial right for a public cemetery was not subject to GST. We know this does not align with all current practice across NSW.

They are preparing to consult further with industry in mid 2024

Where to find more information



On our <u>Interment Industry Scheme page</u>, open the Licence Conditions C accordion to find all the guidance and support materials relating to pricing.

Licence Conditions C - Pricing transparency

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- Licence conditions C pricing transparency (PDF, 232 KB)
- Guide to Licence conditions C: Pricing Transparency (PDF, 3.13 MB)
- Operator Price Breakdown Template Basic Adult Burial (DOCX, 83 KB)
- Operator Price Breakdown Template Basic Ash Interment (DOCX 84 KB)
- Operator Price Breakdown Template Basic Cremation (DOCX, 82 KB)
- Licence conditions C cost breakdown tool (XLSX, 126 KB)

These are the mandatory price formats.





Any questions?





3. Recap – model contract and interment rights

The consumer contract builds on the existing Part 4 requirements



Existing Part 4 requirement

Application for interment right form

Interment Right Certificate

Order for Interment

Licence condition requirement

Consumer contract

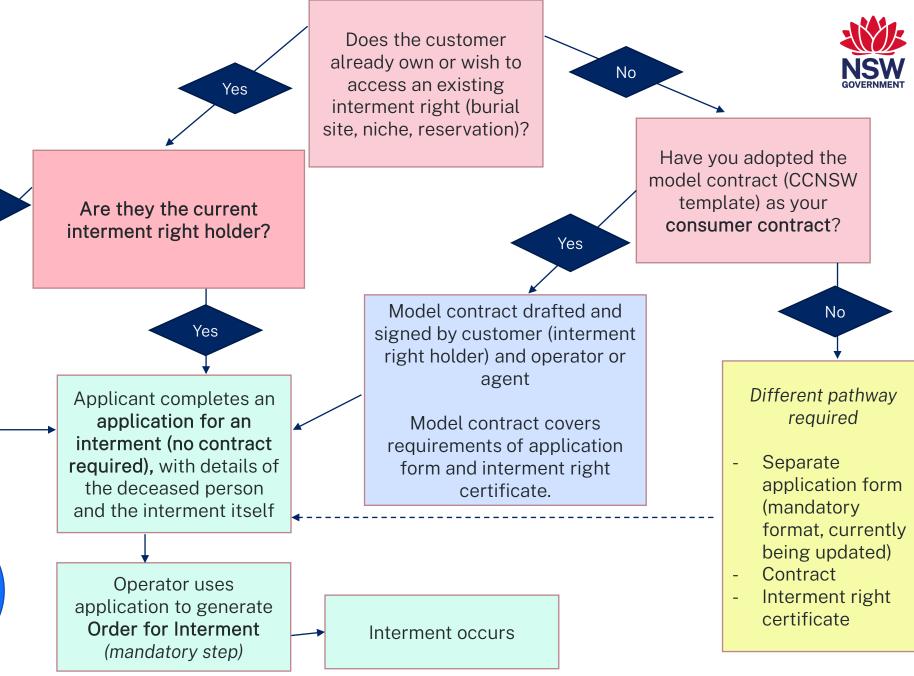
Overview of the process for selling an interment

No

(Interment right holder is deceased)

Operator must satisfy themselves that customer has authority to apply for the interment eg is the executor or beneficiary if no will

Note: At this time it is likely that the new interment right holder cannot yet be determined. A transfer of the interment right is not required at this point but may be in other circumstances.



Where to find more information



On our <u>Interment Industry Scheme page</u>, open the Licence Conditions A accordion to find all the guidance and support materials relating to pricing.

Licence Conditions A - Consumer contracts

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- Fact sheet Licence conditions A Consumer contracts (PDF, 1,050 KB)
- Guide to Licence conditions A: Consumer contracts (PDF, 547 KB)
- Model contract for sale of a perpetual interment right (DOCX, 495 KB)





Any questions?





4. Next steps

Next steps – for operators



- Updating the materials on the Interment Industry Scheme webpage to reflect new commencement dates and additional information clarified at roadshows and webinars
- Continue engagement on the model contract, collating and sharing common questions and answers on how it can be used
- Finalise funeral director engagement materials to support operators engaging with their funeral directors about the new requirements
- Clarify the pathways for selling an interment
 - If the model contract is used: streamlined
 - If the model contract is not used : multiple forms
- Update the Part 4 (interment rights) guidance and forms and create a simpler website view





Any questions?





Additional slides if needed – interment rights and model contract

The holder can transfer their right



1. To the cemetery operator

This may be because they don't want to use the right/site anymore, or they no longer want responsibility for a site which contains historical remains.

You are not obliged to accept the transfer of an interment right to you, and can determine any appropriate payment or refund.

2. To another person(s)

The current holder can apply to you to transfer a right to another person(s) – this must be done in the form approved by CCNSW (currently being updated) and accompanied by the fee.

You could refuse a transfer request if you think it would create a monopoly or encourage dealing in interment rights.

If the holder dies there are several options



- If the deceased person was a **joint right holder**, the remaining joint right holder(s) is automatically entitled to the interment right.
- If the deceased person was a sole right holder:
 - o If the right holder bequeathed the right by will, the right will transfer to the person(s) to whom it was bequeathed
 - o If the right was not bequeathed by will, or the person died without having made a will, the right will be dealt with according to the rules of intestacy (see below), and
 - o In either case, the beneficiary does not become the interment right holder until the cemetery operator's register is updated to indicate this.

If the holder is deceased who can authorise interment?



When there is a request to inter somebody into an existing interment right, and the recorded interment right holder is deceased, a decision needs to be made about who is able to authorise the interment.

As operators you need a process to satisfy yourself of this, and are likely to already be doing this.

Key questions to ask (which we have heard from other operators) could include:

- Are you an executor of the deceased's estate, or do you believe you are?
- Are you the nearest surviving relative of the deceased/person to be interred?
- If there are other relatives/executors, have they given you permission to inter the deceased in this grave?
- If neither of the above apply, why are you making this application?

Some operators ask the customer (the person requesting the interment) to complete a statutory declaration asking these types of questions.

Examples of when the right needs to be transferred



- When the family wish to erect a monument or memorial
- When there is a specific bequest through a Will regarding a remaining right to inter into the site or to erect a memorial or monument (if requested)
- When an estate is settled via administration and an interment right is identified as an asset to be distributed to the successors (if requested)
- When a memorial or monument (not the responsibility of the cemetery operator) is identified by the cemetery operator as requiring repair or maintenance and reaches out to identify possible transferees
- When family members undertaking family history research and have identified an unmarked or dilapidated interment site, seek permission to erect a memorial or monument or to arrange for maintenance or repairs or wish to take responsibility for an intact interment site/memorial/monument.
- During a family dispute where determination of who has control over an interment right or interment site is being sought
- When the living interment right holder decides they no longer wish to retain the interment right
 and either wishes to transfer it to another family member or person, sells it privately or transfers
 the right back to the cemetery operator.

Key themes from questions asked last week (from 29 May)



Theme discussed	CCNSW response
How the contract works in relation to the first interment, and any subsequent interments	The consumer contract and pricing transparency licence conditions relate to the initial sale of an interment right. This is because this is a complex purchase, with multiple price components and concepts to understand such as the roles and responsibilities of the interment right holder. Any subsequent interments into an existing interment right do not require a contract and can use the following process: Nomination of the person to be interred by a person authorised to do so-our understanding is that this is done through an application for interment/application for burial form or equivalent Payment of a burial fee, and any associated admin fees
How to identify the interment right holder, and when and how that right needs to be transferred	 Slides on this topic on the agenda for today. Flow chart of the interment process has also been updated. There are two separate but related issues here: 1) How does the operator know who is authorised to apply for an interment into an existing interment right? 2) When and how does an interment right need to be transferred? These things will also be clarified in our updated fact sheet on the transfer of interment rights, coming soon.

The model contract

- Non-mandatory
- -Compliant with Conditions A

Cemeteries & Crematoria NSW

Model Contract for Perpetual Interment - Category 1 and 2



See Definitions for:

interment right

we, you, perpetual



Model contract for sale of a perpetual interment right

Agreement statement

We (the operator) grant you (the interment right holder) the perpetual interment right and related services in this contract.

Our agreement includes:

- . the Perpetual Interment Right Contract (this contract)
- . the Perpetual Interment Right Terms and Conditions (Annexure A)
- · the Price breakdown (Annexure B)
- . the details of any related services (Annexure C).
- · any other annexures to this contract.

Some terms in this agreement are defined or explained in Annexure A. Notes on the right side of this contract highlight useful terms and tell you where to find them in Annexure A.

_	E	See Definitions for: premises, interment
		site

Part A: Perpetual interment right

Premises		
Name	<insert></insert>	
Address	<insert></insert>	

2. Interment site [describe the site as relevant]

Туре	< nsert>	
Denomination	<insert></insert>	
Area	<insert></insert>	
Section	<insert></insert>	
Row	<insert></insert>	
Plot	<insert></insert>	
Other detail	<insert></insert>	

3. Type	and maximum number	of interments included in	the interment right
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☐ Burial	Number of bodily interments:
☐ Ash interment	Number of ash interments:

Structure of the model contract



Agreement statement	Summary of all the contract elements
Part A: Perpetual interment right	Details in relation to the interment right: where it is, burial or ash, who is buying it (the Interment Right Holder), who will be interred (the Person to be Interred)
Part B: Services	Information on the interment and related services to be provided by the operator, such as the interment costs, any monument or memorial, etc.
Part C : General details	Price, payment terms, contractual details
Declarations and signatures	
Annexure A : Terms and Conditions (Mandatory)	Key terms and conditions relating to the sale of the interment right, and other ongoing rights and responsibilities
Annexure B: Price breakdown (Mandatory to include, operator can choose the format)	Details of the price as per the required format
Annexure C : Details of related services	Specific details of any other services to be provided

At-need and pre-need use of the contract



Pre need = Part A only (if paying for interment right now and services at time of need)

Part B is non-binding – can use 'Option 2' clauses in Sections 7,8 and 13 to clarify that services and costs will be reconfirmed at time of need.

Part B: Services

7. Interment service

We will provide you with the interment(s) (the burial or placement of ashes into the interment site specified above).

[include one of the following options as relevant]

[Option 1: for operators that charge the full amount at the time of contract (atneed and prepaid pre-need)]

This service is included in the charges in Part C.

[Option 2: for operators that charge for interment services in the future when selling a pre-need interment right]

This service is not included in the charges in Part C and will be charged later at the price that applies at the time of need.

8. Related services

We will provide the below services in addition to the perpetual interment right (see full details of these related services at Annexure C):

☐ Cremation ☐ Memori	al servic
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☐ Memorial, monument or plaque ☐ Other: _____

[include one of the following options as relevant]

At Need and Pre need (if paying for all services now)

= Part A and Part B

Use 'Option 1' clauses in Sections 7, 8 and 13

Part C pricing works for both At Need and Preneed.

Part A: perpetual interment right	[\$ <insert>]</insert>
Part B: services	[include one of the following options as relevant]
	[Option 1: For operators that charge the full cost at the time of contract (at-need and pre-need)] [\$ <insert>]</insert>
	[Option 2: for operators that charge for interment services in the future when selling a pre-need interment right] [<to be="" determined="">]</to>
Other fees and discounts	[\$ <insert>]</insert>
Total price*	[\$ <insert>]</insert>

*This total price only reflects the services being paid for now.

The 'customer'

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The interment right holder is the person purchasing the interment right – previously referred to as the 'applicant'.

This could be the interment right holder, if pre-need, but preferably is another person that they nominate.

4. The interment right holder [duplicate the table if there is more than 1 holder [joint holders]]

Full name	<insert and="" given="" middle="" name(s)="" name,="" surname=""></insert>
Home address Insert residential address including suburb, state and postco	
Postal address	<insert address="" and="" including="" postal="" postcode="" state="" suburb,=""></insert>
(if different) Phone	<insert contact="" number="" phone=""></insert>
Email	<insert address=""></insert>

See Definitions for: interment right holder

5. The person(s) to be interred [duplicate the table if there is more than 1]

Full name	<insert given="" middle="" name(s),="" name,="" surname=""></insert>
Date of birth	<insert birth="" date="" of=""></insert>
Date of death	<insert be="" date="" death="" if="" interred="" is="" now="" of="" person="" the="" to=""></insert>
Home address	<insert address="" and="" including="" postcode="" residential="" state="" suburb,=""></insert>
Postal address (if different)	<insert address="" and="" including="" postal="" postcode="" state="" suburb,=""></insert>
Phone	<insert contact="" number="" phone=""></insert>
Email	<insert address=""></insert>

See Definitions for: person(s) to be interred

Clear recording of religious and cultural requirements



Religious and cultural requirements

This section reflects those requirements that you have requested, and we have agreed to provide.

[If no requirements write 'None']

10. Aboriginal cultural or spiritual requirements

This section reflects those requirements that you have requested, and we have agreed to provide.

[If no requirements write 'None']

Responsibility for maintenance



In the contract

In the terms and conditions

12. Maintenance responsibilities

[This indicates default responsibilities – operator can amend this if alternative maintenance arrangements part of contract]

You are responsible for the costs and activity of maintaining any memorial or monument erected on your interment site.

We are responsible for maintaining the premises, including any part of your interment site that does not contain a memorial or monument.

- (f) We must maintain the premises regularly, at least to the minimum standard the law requires us to meet. This includes your interment site, with the exception of any memorial or monument built on your site. We may reduce the maintenance level in the future where we are no longer offering future interments at the premises.
- (g) You are responsible for the costs or activity needed to install or maintain a memorial or monument unless otherwise specified in the contract.
- (h) If the contract states we are responsible for maintaining the memorial or monument, we will take all reasonable steps to make sure that the maintenance:
 - is in line with agreed <u>standards</u>
 - respects any religious, spiritual or cultural requirements in the contract.

The operator or agent declaration



Operator declaration and signature [option 1 – use for representative, delete option 2]

Our representative (eg.our employee) confirms the following:

- (a) Before offering, negotiating, or making this agreement, we gave you information about our least expensive packages (such as basic adult burial, basic ash interment, and basic cremation), our Price breakdown (Annexure B) and the goods and services included in the price.
- (b) We explained the terms and conditions of this contract to you.
- (c) We gave you reasonable time and privacy to read these materials and ask questions about them and about the terms of this agreement.

Operator declaration and signature [option 2 – use for authorised agent, delete option 1]

Our authorised agent confirms the following:

- (a) Before offering, negotiating, or making this agreement, we gave you information about our least expensive packages (such as basic adult burial, basic ash interment, and basic cremation), our Price breakdown (Annexure B) and the goods and services included in the price.
- (b) We explained the terms and conditions of this contract to you.
- (c) We gave you reasonable time and privacy to read these materials and ask questions about them and about the terms of this agreement.
- (d) They are authorised by us to act for us, and they are doing so with our authority.

The interment right holder declaration



Interment right holder declaration and signature [duplicate section if there is more than 1 interment right holder (joint)]

You confirm and declare that:

- (a) The operator, our representative or our authorised agent has explained the terms and conditions of this contract to you.
- (b) Before offering, negotiating, or making this agreement, we gave you information about the operator's least expensive packages (such as basic adult burial, basic ash interment, and basic cremation), our Price breakdown (Annexure B) and the goods services included in the price.
- (c) You have had reasonable time and privacy to read these materials and ask questions about them or about the terms of this agreement.
- (d) All information you have given the operator, in this contract or other documents, is true and correct.

Key terms and conditions (Annexure A)



Clause A.1 – Perpetual interment right

Explains what an interment right is, and what an interment right holder is.

A perpetual interment right gives the right to be interred permanently, but does not give any title or land right.

Clause A.2 – Memorials, maintenance and goods and services

Gives key information like the need for approval to erect a memorial/monument (if not in this contract), and that the interment right holder is responsible for erecting and maintaining any memorials.

Explains that materials considered hazardous on a grave could be removed by the operator.

Clause A.7 – Consumer protections, disputes and complaints

Tells a customer how to provide feedback, how disputes will be dealt with, and that they can come to CCNSW as the regulator if they are not satisfied.

End of agreement (Clause A.5) - clarification



An agreement (contract) can can end when the parties have done all that the contract requires of them.

In this contract, **the agreement ends** when all of the goods and services specified and paid for have been provided. A.5(d) refers to this.

This does not mean that the interment right ends or is extinguished.

Some obligations can continue after the end of the contract, and the rights and duties listed at A.5(e) are all of the perpetual obligations relating to the sale of a perpetual interment right.

Price breakdown (Annexure B)



Overlap between Conditions A (contracts) and Conditions D (pricing).

Category 1 and 2 operators need to break down the prices in each contract 'in accordance with the approved format for Licence Condition C.1, known as the price breakdown template.

This means you need to use the same subheadings as the price breakdown templates. The sub-headings align with the Parts of the model contract.

Category 3 operators need to provide all relevant details regarding fees and charges being applied. This should include as much detail as possible.

Model contract	Price breakdown sub- heading
Part A – Interment Right	Right to inter
Part B – Services - Interment Service	Burial or placement of bodily remains or ashes
Part B – Services - Related Services	All of the 'if applicable' sub-headings - Memorial - Religious, Cultural or Spiritual Requirements - Additional fees, services or products

Category 3 contract – adapting the model



Category 3 not required to use certain sections of the model contract (and the related terms and conditions) – but using them is recommended to achieve the full benefits of the consumer contract

Non-mandatory eleme	nt Benefit to including	Related terms and conditions
Section 12 – Maintenand responsibilities	for the premises vs the source of complaints la	site-common
Section 17 – End of agreement	Useful to clarify ways i agreement can end	n which the A.5
Certain terms and conditions	Good practice to include be required under other	